

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, the House and Senate began final work on the Budget Resolution, and the Budget is more than numbers on a page—it is a statement of the priorities, values and goals of our President, this Congress and our nation.

The House Budget embraces the President's goals of rebuilding the economy and creating new jobs, restoring fiscal integrity, and making investments for our future prosperity and security.

Simply put, we will only be prepared, we will only be economically competitive, if we tackle the immediate economic and fiscal challenges before us, make essential investments that enable us to meet future challenges, and do so in a way that is fiscally responsible.

As the Budget Committee Vice Chair, I know that the President's Budget, modified by Congress, meets these goals.

The House Budget is an honest budget. It anticipates expenditures and it restores fiscal balance by committing to cut the deficit in half in five years.

And, most significantly, the budget makes smart investments that will contain costs and expand access to health care, build energy independence, and improve educational achievement, all critical if we are to grow the economy and be economically competitive in a global marketplace.

We should pass the Budget Resolution and begin the task ahead.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT ROBERT BARTLETT FOR HIS HEROIC SERVICE IN COMBAT AND WORK ON VETERANS HEALTH CARE REFORM

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the military service of one of Arizona's finest sons, Robert Bartlett.

Sergeant Bartlett enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2003 and was severely wounded by a roadside bomb in May 2005 while on patrol in Iraq.

In the aftermath of the explosion, Sergeant Bartlett twice suffered cardiac and respiratory failure and underwent dozens of surgeries. He has become a vocal supporter of mental health care for veterans returning from combat, and he serves as an example of courage and patriotism to his comrades in arms and civilians alike.

The following poem was penned by U.S. Capitol guide Albert Carey Caswell in honor of Sergeant Bartlett and his heroic service in combat and afterward.

ONE SHOT

One
One shot . . .
Is all we have!
All in our lives to give . . .
All in how we've got!
All in our choices . . .
All through our inner voices . . .
Taking sight . . . our scope . . .
As from our souls, comes hope . . .
One shot . . .
Taking aim with our hearts . . .
All in what we've invoked . . .
As our sights becoming clear . . .
As our targets in life appear . . .
As from these ashes, rose . . .
This is a Real American Hero . . .
As oneself forsaken . . .
But, for The Greater Good . . .
To stand tall in all you would . . .
In that battle of evil versus good . . .
To wear the uniform, with hearts of courage
warm . . .
With all you could . . .
As into that valley of death . . .
As Robert, you marched on so until none was
left!
While, there on a battlefield of honor dying
. . .
As your face is almost gone, as you lay lying
. . .
As a mother awakes crying . . .
As somehow she knows her son is dying . . .
But, beauty is but skin deep . . .
And our Lord, shall hold in his arms all of
those whose faith so keeps!
Now, digging . . . digging in deep . . .
As your will to live keeps, is found in each
and every heart beat!
Dying, three times . . . fighting to stay alive
. . .

All in your beliefs . . .
As Robert cheats death, America's Best . . .
As with his story, and courage and faith . . .
An American tale our world will bless . . .
A messenger from God, exploding . . .
As he looks into a mirror, his darkest fears
are realized . . .
Reloading, his new battle begins!
He cries . . .
As half his face is gone, has died . . .
In this face of courage we see . . .
The true definition of beauty . . .
Countless operations, courage's full measure
. . .

All in faith's affirmation . . .
Both Beauty and The Beast . . .
As his shot is heard around the world . . .
As his courage is unfurled . . . beyond belief
. . .

A Beautiful Man . . .
With every step, reloading . . .
With the Height of Courage exploding . . .
He takes command!
This Army Man . . . a real Hero, a fine
American!

Who against all odds, now stands . . .
Out on point, as a lone centurion . . .
Of faith and courage . . .
To teach us all, and all our souls to nourish
. . .

With his even greater weapon, he now fights
. . .

As from his heart of courage, comes the light
. . .
All in God's glory, his being . . . his soul . . .
his very story . . .
For he will not miss, that One Shot!

Madam Speaker, Sergeant Bartlett remains on active duty, stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending him for his continued service, even after great personal tragedy, and in wishing him success throughout the rest of his military career.

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PROJECT FUNDING

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I supported the following national projects that received funding through H.R. 1105, The Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

National Writing Project for activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—The National Writing Project focuses on the teaching of writing and the professional development of writer instructors to ensure elementary and secondary students become successful writers and learners.

Reading is Fundamental authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—RIF promotes youth literacy by providing underserved children access to free and new books in every state and territory across the country.

Center for Civic Education for two programs—We the People and Cooperative Education Exchange—that are authorized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education program—The Education for Democracy Act supports civic programs, such as We the People and the Cooperative Education Exchange Program, to educate American students about the fundamental ideals of the United States.

National Council on Economic Education for the Cooperative Education Exchange program, which is authorized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program—The Education for Democracy Act supports civic programs, such as We the People and the Cooperative Education Exchange Program, to educate American students about the fundamental ideals of the United States.

HONORING AMELIA LEVER FOR RECEIVING NATIONAL "LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE" AWARD

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Miss Amelia Lever of

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